State Of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

Dusk, October 27, 1985, the intersection of Highway 11 and East 26th Street east of Sioux Falls. An accident has just occurred. A car and ambulance lie torn and mangled in a field. After the tumult of the previous moments, it has become ominously quiet. The car begins to burn and quickly the fire spreads to the ambulance. There is no sign of movement or life from either vehicle.

In moments, chance brought rescuers to the scene. Unknown to each other seconds before, they would now work in concert, efficiently, effectively, to do what they could to save lives.

One of the men who stands out for his efforts this tragic night is Mike Sporrer. Without regard to his own personal safety and well-being and at great personal risk, he and another man entered the burning ambulance and pulled the injured driver to safety. Hesitation of just a few moments would have made the rescue impossible as flammable materials and explosive gases carried on the ambulance turned it into an inferno.

The greatest acts of bravery involve both mental poise and physical courage. Mike's decisive action that tragic night proved the crucial difference between life and death for another human being. His lifesaving endeavor that October evening sets an example for all South Dakotans to respect and emulate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby publicly proclaim the valor of

MIKE SPORRER

who has demonstrated responsibility, leadership and selfless courage in saving another person's life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Six

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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